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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. The amendment filed on November 27, 2007 amends independent Claims 1 and 15 to recite, *inter alia*, “subsequently clamping a capacitive storage node in a pixel signal processing circuit to a voltage higher than a voltage corresponding to the pixel signal appearing to the pixel readout line” and “wherein the controller is further configured to provide control signals to subsequently cause the capacitive storage node to be clamped to a voltage higher than a voltage corresponding to the sensor signal appearing on the pixel readout line, and subsequently to cause the pixel readout line to be coupled to the storage node”, respectively. The amendment adds new Claims 42 and 43, which are directed towards “wherein the capacitive storage node comprises a binary scaled capacitor network.” The claims in the amendment are now drawn to a non-elected invention (figures 2 and 4). The elected invention is shown in figure 8. For this reason, the amendment is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03).

2. Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Conclusion

1. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Justin P Misleh whose telephone number is 571.272.7313. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Lin Ye can be reached on 571.272.7372. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571.273.8300.

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